

Brian Lee to take over as team coach

WYCOMBE Wanderers' manager-coach Barry Darvill has resigned—and the job of coaching is being taken over by Brian Lee, director of the Central Council for Physical Recreation centre at Bisham Abbey.

Announcement of Darvill's resignation was made on Tuesday after a meeting of the players and the club committee at Loakes Park on Monday evening.

Barry, who is in his fourth season as Wanderers' manager, offered to carry on until the end of the season if his resignation created difficulties.

But it was pointed out that the club had an opportunity of recruiting the services of Mr. Lee immediately, and it was agreed that he should take over the coaching from this week.

The new coach was introduced to the players on Boxing Day. He will coach at all the training nights and will be present at matches on Saturdays.

In a statement issued on behalf of the club on Christmas Eve the Wanderers committee explained the position and pointed out that Barry Darvill had offered to continue until the end of the season if necessary.

But in view of the opportunity of securing the coaching services of Mr. Lee it was felt that the resignation should be accepted and that Mr. Lee should take over this week.

Above is Brian Lee, who this week succeeded Barry Darvill as coach to Wycombe Wanderers.

Lee is the director of Bisham Abbey C.C.P.R. Centre.



Resignation accepted FOUR YEARS AT THE HELM

BARRY DARVILL'S wavering—and sometimes stormy—association with Wycombe Wanderers goes back to just after the war when, as a 15-years-old player in 1947, he joined the Loakes Park club.

He quickly made his mark with the club and graduated through the "A" and Reserves" sides into

the first team, playing in a variety of defensive positions before being switched to centre-half.

He adopted this position for six or seven seasons, winning many county and representative honours.

It was in 1957 that Barry moved to nearby St. Albans, having played over 600 games in the Wan-

derers' colours. After a brief return to Wycombe he moved over the border to Oxford City to skipper the team and Oxfordshire. Later he became coach for the City reserve side and, after gaining the F.A. Coaching Certificate, again returned to Wycombe Wanderers to be elected to the club's committee.

When Don Welsh—the Wanderers' coach—resigned in November, 1964, to take up an administrative position with Charlton Athletic, Barry took on the official title of "Team Manager". As well as his association with the Wanderers, he also took charge of the Wycombe youth side.